HOUSE BILL 2556 By Bowers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-6-111, relative to license and examination of contractors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-6-111(b)(2), is amended by deleting the period at the end of the subdivision and by substituting instead the following: or proof of participation in a certified builder program (CBP) approved by the board and administered by the Home Builders Association of Tennessee, Inc. (HBAT), such program consisting of certain minimum participation requirements as follows:

- (A) One (1) year written warranty which shall include:
 - (i) Industry recognized construction performance standards; and
- (ii) Third party dispute resolution mechanism; however, the board shall retain final authority to resolve any complaints not satisfied by such mechanism.
- (B) Proof of worker's compensation insurance; and
- (C) Proof of general liability insurance.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-6-111(b), is amended by adding the following new subdivisions thereto:

- (5) All licenses held by any residential or light commercial builder, as designated by the board, are to be renewed annually except those builders showing proof of participation in the certified builder program whose licenses shall be renewed biennially.
- (6) License fees for residential and light commercial builders, as designated by the board, shall be set at a cost of three hundred dollars (\$300) for annual renewals and two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for biennial renewals.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-6-116(a), is amended by adding the following language to the end thereto:

Notwithstanding the provisions § 62-6-111(b)(5), a certificate of license expires on the last day of the twelfth month following its issuance or renewal, and becomes invalid on such date unless renewed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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